



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : SPARKS et al.

SERIAL NO : TBA

ART UNIT : TBA (1627 in parent)

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EXAMINER : TBA (M. Garcia in parent)

FOR : POLYPEPTIDES HAVING A FUNCTIONAL DOMAIN OF  
INTEREST AND METHODS OF IDENTIFYING AND USING SAME**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a continuing application, a divisional of application serial No. 08/630,915 filed April 3, 1996, for which the Examiner was M. Garcia, Group Art Unit 1627.

Prior to examination of the present application, and prior to calculation of the filing fee, Applicants request entry of the following amendments.

**AMENDMENTS***In the specification:*

Page 1, amend the first paragraph to read as follows:

This application is a divisional of co-pending U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/630,915 filed April 3, 1996, which is a continuation-in-part of abandoned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/417,872 filed April 7, 1995, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

*Sequence listing:*

Please append the enclosed paper copy of the sequence listing to the application.

*In the claims:*

Please cancel claims 2-41 and 43-102 without prejudice. Please amend claims 1 and 42 to read as follows, and add new claims 103-109, as follows.